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Period for Reply

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Status

1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 April 2008.

2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.

3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-88 is/are pending in the application.

 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-88 is/are rejected.

7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-88 are pending.

The IDS filed 4/8/2008 has been seen and considered by the examiner.

Below, Examiner has pointed out particular references contained in the prior art(s) of record in the body of this action for the convenience of the applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings in the art and are applied to the specific limitations within the individual claims, other passages and figures may apply as well. Applicant should consider the entire prior art as applicable as to the limitations of the claims. It is respectfully requested from the applicant, in preparing the response, to consider fully each reference in its entirety as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior arts or disclosed by the examiner.

Double Patenting

1. The nonstatutory obvious-type double patenting rejection is withdrawn in view of Terminal Disclaimer filed 12/19/2007 between the instant application and Application # 10/687217.

2. **Claims 10-20, 30-40, 50-60, and 78-88** are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-11, 22-32, 43-53, and 64-74 of copending Application No. 10/687415, hereafter "415". Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from

each other because they either recite a concomitance of the claim features, or they are obvious modifications.

Claims 10, 30, 50, and 78 of the instant application correspond to Claims 1, 22, 43, and 64 of `415 respectively. The limitations of the instant application are encompassed by `217 as follows:

- **A method for digital content access control, comprising: receiving, by a rights locker provider, a rights locker enrollment request from a user device associated with a user, said rights locker enrollment request comprising a digital content request and enrollment authentication data (instant application)** corresponds directly to *A method for digital content access control, comprising: receiving, by a rights locker provider, a rights locker enrollment request from a user device associated with a user, said rights locker enrollment request comprising a digital content request and enrollment authentication data (`415).*
- **determining, by said rights locker provider, whether said user is authorized, said determining comprising determining the rights of said user to access said rights locker and the rights of said user to digital content specified by said digital content request (instant application)** corresponds directly to *determining, by said rights locker provider, whether said user is authorized using said enrollment authentication data, said determining comprising determining rights of said user to digital content specified by said digital content request wherein said rights locker provides (1) a description of a*

user's access rights for digital content; and (2) controlled access to said description ('415).

- **wherein upon said determining finding said user is authorized, initializing, by said rights locker provider, said rights locker with rights to said digital content (instant application)** corresponds directly to *if said user is authorized, initializing, by said rights locker provider, said rights locker with rights to said digital content ('415).*
- **obtaining, by said rights locker provider, one or more tokens that authenticate future access to a rights locker corresponding to said digital content (instant application)** corresponds directly to *obtaining, by said rights locker provider, a new token that authenticate future access to said rights locker corresponding to said digital content ('415).*
- **creating, by said rights locker provider, one or more authenticated rights locker access requests based at least in part on said one or more tokens (instant application)** corresponds directly to *creating, by said rights locker provider, one or more authenticated rights locker access request based at least in part on said new token ('415).*
- **sending, by said rights locker provider to said user device over a network, said one or more authenticated rights locker access requests (instant application)** corresponds directly to *sending, by said rights locker provider, said authenticated rights locker access request over a network to said user device ('415).*

- **receiving, by said rights locker provider from said user device over said network, an indication of a user selection of one of said one or more authenticated rights locker access requests; and accessing the contents of said rights locker according to a type of said rights token associated with said user selected one of said one or more authenticated rights locker access requests** would have been an obvious next step in '415. It is well known in the art to select a desired content to access and receiving said content in response.

Claims 11-20, 31-40, 51-60, and 79-88 of the instant application correspond directly to Claims 2-11, 23-32, 44-53, and 65-74 of '415 respectively.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-3, 6, 10-12, 15, 21-23, 26, 30-32, 35, 41-43, 46, 50-52, 55, 61-63, 66-74, 78-80, and 83 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Buhse et al. (US 2004/0024652)**, hereafter "Buhse" in view of **Murphy et al. (US 6,226,744)**, hereafter "Murphy".

Considering **Claims 1, 21, 41, and 61**, Buhse discloses a method for digital content access control (Fig. 6A, Fig. 6B, [0002]), comprising: determining, on a user device, digital content to be made accessible via a rights locker (Fig. 6B, [0048]); determining, on said user device, enrollment authentication data ([0165], [0171]); sending, from said user device to a rights locker provider over a network, a rights locker enrollment request to a rights locker provider (Fig. 6B, [0164], [0171]); said rights locker enrollment request comprising a digital content request and said enrollment authentication data ([0048], [0052], [0164], [0171]); receiving, on said user device from said rights locker provider over said network, an indication of a selection of one of said one or more authenticated rights locker access requests ([0077]-[0079], [0091]); sending, from said user device to a rights locker provider over said network, said authenticated rights locker access request to a rights locker provider ([0091]); and receiving, on said user device from said rights locker provider, in response to said sending said selected authenticated rights locker access request, a result including at least an authenticated digital content request ([0054], [0063]).

Buhse does not explicitly disclose receiving, on said user device, one or more authenticated rights locker access requests in response to said sending, said one or more authenticated rights locker access requests for subsequent use in accessing digital content associated with said rights locker. Buhse does suggest subscriptions which would implicitly define a one time only authentication ([0132]-[0135]).

Murphy discloses receiving, on said user device, one or more authenticated rights locker access requests in response to said sending (column 5- lines 55-60), said one or

more authenticated rights locker access requests for subsequent use in accessing digital content associated with said rights locker (column 7- lines 26-28, column 6- lines 56-61), sending, from said user device, said authenticated rights locker access request to a rights locker provider (column 3- lines 35-36).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the teachings of Buhse by authenticated rights locker enrollment requests (i.e. tokens) for subsequent use in accessing digital content as taught by Murphy in order to provide a user with a system that requires authentication only once (Murphy- column 6- lines 56-60).

Considering **Claims 10, 30, 50, and 78**, the combination of Buhse and Murphy discloses a method for digital content access control (Buhse- Fig. 6A, Fig. 6B, [0002]), comprising: receiving, by a rights locker provider, a rights locker enrollment request from a user device associated with a user (Buhse- [0165], [0171]), said rights locker enrollment request comprising a digital content request and enrollment authentication data (Buhse- [0048], [0052], [0164], [0171]); determining, by said rights locker provider, whether said user is authorized (Buhse- [0061], Murphy- column 6- lines 43-60), said determining comprising determining the rights of said user to access said rights locker and the rights of said user to digital content specified by said digital content request (Buhse- [0079], Murphy- column 6- lines 1-7); wherein upon said determining finding said user is authorized, initializing, by said rights locker provider, said rights locker with rights to said digital content (Buhse- [0091]); obtaining, by said rights locker provider, one or more tokens that authenticate future access to a rights locker corresponding to

said digital content (Murphy- column 5- lines 55-60, column 6- lines 56-61); creating, by said rights locker provider, one or more authenticated rights locker access requests based at least in part on said one or more tokens (Murphy- column 5- lines 55-60); sending, by said rights locker provider to said user device over a network, said one or more authenticated rights locker access requests (Murphy- column 3- lines 35-36); receiving, by said rights locker provider from said user device over said network, an indication of a user selection of one of said one or more authenticated rights locker access requests (Buhse- [0048], [0056]); and accessing the contents of said rights locker according to a type of said rights token associated with said user selected one of said one or more authenticated rights locker access requests (Buhse- [0091], Murphy- column 7- lines 22-28, accessing, by said rights locker provider, content based on the SSN is shown, it is also shown that this could be done using tickets, certificates, or keys which can be read as tokens).

Considering **Claims 2, 11, 22, 31, 42, 51, 62, and 79**, the combination discloses digital content request comprises a request for initializing said rights locker with rights to specified digital content (Buhse- [0154]-[0161], Murphy- column 3, lines 35-36).

Considering **Claims 3, 12, 23, 32, 43, 52, 63, and 80**, the combination discloses enrollment authentication data comprises: rights locker access authentication data for determining what rights, if any, a user of said user device has to access said rights locker; and rights content access authentication data for determining what rights, if any, said user has to digital content associated with said rights locker (Buhse- [0154]-[0161], Murphy- column 6, lines 43-47).

Considering **Claims 4, 13, 24, 33, 44, 53, 64, and 81**, the combination discloses rights locker access authentication data comprises payment for use of a rights locker service (Buhse- [0157]-[0159]).

Considering **Claims 5, 14, 25, 34, 45, 54, 65, and 82**, the combination discloses rights content access authentication data comprises payment for rights deposited in said rights locker (Buhse- [0157]-[0159]).

Considering **Claims 6, 15, 26, 35, 46, 55, 66, and 83**, the combination discloses enrollment authentication data comprises a reenrollment key determined in a previous enrollment request for said rights locker, said reenrollment key for supplementing or replacing enrollment authentication data of said previous enrollment request (Buhse- [0123]-[0131], Murphy- column 6, lines 56-61, column 7, lines 22-28).

Considering **Claims 7, 18, 27, 38, 47, 58, 75, and 86**, the combination discloses storing at least part of said one or more authenticated rights locker access requests in a bookmark on said user device (Buhse- [0181]-[0190]).

Considering **Claims 16, 36, 56, and 84**, the combination discloses determining comprises determining whether said user is entitled to become an enrolled user based at least in part on whether payment for use of the rights locker service succeeds (Buhse- [0157]-[0159]).

Considering **Claims 17, 37, 57, and 85**, Murphy does not disclose determining whether an enrolled user is entitled to populate said rights locker with rights to said digital content based at least in part on whether payment for said rights succeeds (Buhse- [0157]-[0159]).

Considering **Claim 67**, the combination of discloses apparatus comprises a smart card (Murphy- abstract, lines 1-5).

Considering **Claims 68-74**, the combination does not explicitly disclose a wide range of different types of smart cards.

Murphy does suggest a smart card is a device that is typically the size of a credit card, having a microprocessor and limited storage memory (column 2, lines 46-48).

Therefore, Official Notice is taken that it would have been obvious at the time of the invention to use the combination with the wide range of different types of smart cards for the benefit of having a system that is usable on a wide variety of designs and platforms.

4. Claims 8, 19, 28, 39, 48, 59, 76, and 87 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Buhse and Murphy** in view of **Steven W. Disbrow. Use cookies to maintain state in Web applications. Active Server Developer's Journal. Louisville: Sep 2000. Vol. 4. Iss. 9; pg. 7, 3 pgs.** Hereafter "Disbrow."

Considering **Claims 8, 19, 28, 39, 48, 59, 76, and 87**, the combination does not explicitly disclose one or more authenticated rights locker access requests are embedded in a Web cookie.

Disbrow discloses one or more authenticated rights locker access requests are embedded in a Web cookie (Full Text, ¶ 3, lines 2-4).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the combination by using cookies to imbed personal information as taught by Disbrow for the benefit of remembering a particular

visitor so that forms he filled out, selections and preferences he made, and other personalized information wouldn't have to be re-entered each time he visited the site (Disbrow- Full Text, ¶ 3, lines 2-4)

5. **Claims 9, 20, 29, 40, 49, 60, 77, and 88** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Buhse and Murphy** in view of **Weissman (US 2002/0156905)**, hereafter "Weissman."

Considering **Claims 9, 20, 29, 40, 49, 60, 77, and 88**, the combination does not disclose one or more authenticated rights locker access requests are encapsulated in an HTTP Response message.

Weissman discloses one or more authenticated rights locker access requests are encapsulated in an HTTP Response message ([0035] lines 10-22, [0036]).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the combination by encapsulating user authentication information in a http response message as taught by Weissman for the benefit of appending authentication credentials stored in the logon database and other information extracted from the previously received HTTP responses.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 4/29/2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

With respect to applicants arguments that the combination fails to teach "determining, on an end-user device, digital content to be made accessible via a rights

locker.” Examiner directs the applicant to Buhse- [0098]. Buhse discloses a consumer purchases a digital product and checking out after providing payment information.

Therefore, the user determines content to be made accessible (i.e. the user selects a product to buy) and then checks out (i.e. making said product accessible to the user).

With respect to applicants argument that no motivation was provided to combine the 2 cited references. Examiner directs the applicant to p. 10 ¶ 4 of the Office Action dated 1/24/2008.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the teachings of Buhse by authenticated rights locker enrollment requests (i.e. tokens) for subsequent use in accessing digital content as taught by Murphy in order to provide a user with a system that requires authentication only once (Murphy- column 6- lines 56-60).

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Randal D. Moran whose telephone number is 571-270-1255. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 7:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Vu can be reached on 571-272-3859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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